

The Weekly Ledger

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ANY attempt to embarrass the President in the war for our rights as a free country will have prompt and efficient attention.

IF you don't care to "stand by your government" you had better keep still about it. This is one time when "knockers" are liable to get their heads broken.

THE question before us at this time is whether the Lord intends the people of this world to govern themselves or whether He intends for a monarch to rule the earth. We can see but one side to this question.

THE MEXICO SCOUTS

THE first evidence of the Mexico Boy Scouts' interest in civic affairs was Friday, when they co-operated with the Mexico Business Men's Association in holding the country for a radius of 50 miles spreading the news that the A. P. Green Brick Co. needed fifty laborers at once.

The Scouts, among their other duties, hold in high regard any other duty they can do for their town and country. The ready response the boys gave the business men in their call for assistance is indicative of what can be expected of them in the future. In all the larger cities the civic bodies as well as the police and fire departments call upon the Scouts on public occasions and in the time of stress for aid.

The motto of the Boy Scouts is "Be Prepared." And they always are.

OUR MUDDY HIGHWAYS

THE present wet weather has again impressed us with the necessity for better roads in this section.

We had a splendid dry winter for keeping the highways in shape and under such conditions can easily delude ourselves into believing that after all the dirt roads in Andrain are good enough and need no improvement.

A week of rain is one of the best boons for better highways we can have.

A week of rain with hard surfaced roads would mean that the farmer could come to town and trade or enjoy the theatre when he found time heavy on his hands.

As it is the roads maroon him and both he and his friends in town suffer.

When the matter of securing state and federal aid for roads is given serious consideration here this as well as other important factors should be carefully considered.

Do not forget that dirt roads mess mud.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

May 1, 1917
No. Volumes April 1, 1917 4,166
No. Vols. worn out 19
No. Vols. added 6,156

Total Vols. May 1st 10,331
Addition by Classes
Juv. Adt.

Literature 1 4
History 1 4
Biography 1 4
Travel 1 4
Sociology 1 4
Gen. Works 5 1
Useful Arts 1 4
Fiction 6 1

Total 24 books 7 17
Bought 2 17
Gift 5 17
Circulation by Classes
Gen. Works 2 2
Fiction 2 2
Religion 23 23
Sociology 12 12
Nat. Science 8 8
Useful Arts 4 4
Fine Arts 2 2
Literature 99 51
History 12 6
Travel 1 8
Biog. 10 12
Cur. Period. 11 11

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Took in... 14.75

Misc. expense... \$19.58
Amount on hand May 1st... \$18.28

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For Farm Workers and For Farmers

A BUREAU OF INFORMATION

That farm workers may be sure of good employment and farmers supplied with labor, the North Missouri Trust Company now maintains a Bureau of Farm Labor Information open to every worker and every farmer.

Call upon us today and register. This service is for all and it is important that your name be placed upon our records early whether you are worker or employer.

ASK FOR THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU WE'LL MAKE YOU WELCOME

North Missouri Trust Co.

HOME FOR SAVINGS

North Side Square Mexico, Missouri

McMILLAN WINS CUP AT COLUMBIA MEET

The six-man track team of McMillan High made their initial appearance on the Columbia track Saturday afternoon, and not one man having ever been on a real track before, they succeeded in bringing home a good record.

Although not official, it has been announced that Trenton, Mo., was disqualified in the special 440 relay race. This places McMillan third with Kansas City, Westport, first; Kirkwood, St. Louis, second, and Kansas City Central, fourth. A silver trophy cup was awarded to the first three teams in this event.

There were twenty-two entries in the third division of the 100 yard dash. It was run in five heats. East Davis, of McMillan, placed third in the third heat. Claude Morris, of McMillan, placed third in the fifth heat. Neither Morris or Davis placed in the final; East Davis ran in the final for the 220 dash, but did not place.

Loyal Womansman placed fourth in the final of the 880 run, which landed one point for old McMillan. The St. Louis and Kansas City man made better time than he.

Sixty-five entries necessitated that the 440 dash be run in two heats for the final. Joe Hanson placed fourth in one heat, and Kenneth Davis in the other. Each boy received a bronze medal and a point to the credit of the school.

Five points for McMillan put her tied with several other schools for the fifth place in the third division of the meet.

The McMillan boys were "green at the job" and had in fact never participated in a meet, but they made a good showing and kept McMillan in her usual place among the better schools.

McMILLAN BULLDOGS LOSE TO MARSHALL HIGH BY SCORE OF 3 TO 6 MONDAY

(Laurence De Muth)

The McMillan Bulldogs played the first game of their three day tour at Marshall Monday afternoon and were defeated by the high school of that city by a score of 3 to 6. This is the first game that the crimson and grey has lost this year.

"Little Jack" Womansman stayed in the box the whole game and gave the Marshall team some experience at the bat. The game was extraordinarily tight throughout and "Womansman" never failed to be right on the tack. Loyal Womansman did the receiving and played his usual steady game, all the time working up that old pep. The rest of the team played a good, tight game.

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CLARK'S THREAT AGAINST PATRIOTS OF HIS DISTRICT STARTS POLITICAL REVOLT

Prominent Pike County Democrat, Replying to Speaker, Asserts here Will Be No Exodus

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 8. — Ras Pearson, a prominent Pike county lawyer, one of thirty-five men who signed a telegram to Champ Clark, urging him to vote for conscription and were in turn called "old skunkers" and warned that if school did not keep too long that he would take a shotgun and run them all out of the district, has replied to Clark's statement published in the Weekly Press Journal of Louisiana.

Pearson is a leading Democrat and is said to be organizing a political revolt against Clark which may retire him in 1918. Already a number of Democratic leaders of the North District have been mentioned as candidates against Clark, among them Pearson. Pearson's letter, in part, follows:

"I have no doubt Speaker Clark is proud of this telegram, and I hope he always will be. We who joined in that telegram may be a set of 'hayseeds' 'ignoramus', from the country, and our opinion may not be worthy to be expressed in polite terms even to our Representative in Congress, but I can't help but think that when Speaker Clark condescended to inform his constituents that the Jefferson Barracks was located near St. Louis, and volunteers could enlist there, he was furnishing to us information so rare and unique and of such great moment that he should have had it copy-righted ere he gave it out.

As patriotic as Clark

"Perhaps we deserve just such a reply. Perhaps in the opinion of our congressman it was an unpardonable sin for any of his constituency to have the temerity to even express an opinion; no doubt he thinks, judging from his reply that no one in his district has a right to have an opinion and much less to express it, when that opinion is contrary to his ideas. We do not suppose that it ever occurred to our distinguished congressman that we out here in his district are just as honorable, as patriotic and as anxious for the future welfare of our country as the little band of sixty-eight Congressmen who voted against conscription. Our congressman seemingly not satisfied with his reply to our telegram when he arose in Congress to make a speech on the conscription bill speaking of those who had sent him telegrams, said: 'I know them; I know every man in my district who has telegraphed me here, and I know who is at the bottom of it, and I can take a double-barrel shotgun and run out of my district every man who sent me a telegram, and if school doesn't keep too long, I will run a few of them out, too.'

Would Leave Few Democrats

"I don't know every man who sent him a telegram. I know the thirty-five who joined in the telegram from Louisiana. Thirty-two Democrats and three Republicans. Each and all of them for years back have been ardent supporters of the political fortunes of Mr. Clark, and it occurs to me that if the telegrams from other places are from the same class of people as the one from Louisiana, if Mr. Clark carries out his threat and comes back home with a double-barrel shotgun and runs them out of his district, to say the least, there will not be enough Democrats left in the Ninth Congressional District at the next election to be worth counting.

"The paper says, when he gave utterance to the above thought, in Congress, that laughter and applause greeted this statement. I am not surprised at this. I imagine it would be greeted with laughter and applause. Just think of the picture—Speaker Clark, 6 feet 2 inches tall, erstwhile candidate for president, the lion of Missouri Democracy, returning to his home county, walking up and down the streets of Louisiana with a double-barrel shotgun on his shoulder, and he who have been supporting him all these years, hailing for shelter and hunting new homes outside of his district. The only saving clause I see for us, he says that he will run us out if 'school doesn't keep too long.' Let's hope that school will keep in his district may thereby be preserved and this catastrophe averted.

No Rush to Move

"Notwithstanding the telegram of the distinguished speaker, and notwithstanding his speech in which he says 'if we don't behave he will get his double-barrel shotgun and run us out of the district,' we beg to assure him that there are some of us who heartily endorse conscription, there are some of us who don't think the volunteer system effective; and I venture hold to make the assertion that we will continue to reside in the Ninth Congressional District, regardless of the speaker and his shotgun."

To Diagnose Engine Troubles

A Detroit manufacturer offers a test plug by which one may see how a slight variation in the fuel mixture will cause the explosion flame to vary in color from the smoky yellow of too much "gas" to the clear blue of perfect combustion. It will, says the maker, pick out a weak cylinder, showing lost compression; indicate whether a cylinder is pumping oil badly and show whether a plug fires properly under compression. The device is screwed into the spark plug hole and the regular spark plug attached above. Four windows in the sides of the test plug reveal the action of the sparking points.

James Kearns Injured

"Pat" Kearns, a member of the McMillan baseball team, was struck by an automobile in Marshall on Monday night and slightly injured. The car was said to have been running without lights. Kearns returned home Tuesday morning and is limping on a badly lacerated leg.

M. S. BUSH WILL OPEN UNDERTAKING PLACE HERE

Mr. S. Bush, one of Centralia's leading merchants, has leased the room in the Greer building, just south of the Graham store, and will shortly open an exclusive undertaking establishment. Henry Precht, of this city, will be interested with Mr. Bush. Work on remodeling the room and preparing it for occupancy will start at once.

Mr. Bush says he intends making the establishment one of the most modern in the State. There will be a portion of it suitably arranged for funerals, a handsome casket show room and other appointments. He will have a handsome motor hearse.

Mr. Bush is one of the leading business men of Central Missouri. He expects to make his home here later on and will be quite an acquisition to Mexico's already live group of progressive merchants. Mr. Bush is a member of the Hardin College board and has many warm friends in this city. The Ledger joins the business men of Mexico in extending him a hearty welcome.

Berea Items

Mrs. Homer Roberts is quite sick. Mrs. Charles Stowers returned from the Mexico Hospital the first of last week, much improved in health. Miss Lillian Cuthbert is visiting Mr. Will Cuthbert and Miss Mary Gauthier. — Mr. John Beal and wife, of Mexico; Felix Martin and wife were dinner guests of Lemuel Spottedwood and wife of Molino and attended services at Mt. Zion. — Harry Heizer and wife went over to Montgomery City Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Trimble's mother, Mrs. Spina. — Richard Baker, wife and son were dinner guests of Mrs. Mayer and wife Sunday. — Miss Pauline Flynn, of Molino, spent Saturday night with Miss Ardis Squires. — Elder Hardisty of Midletown, will preach at Berea the third Saturday and Sunday in May. — W. C. Reid and wife of Strother, visited Mrs. Thomas Roberts Sunday. — Rev. Pasley filled his regular appointment at Midway Saturday and Sunday. — Miss Mabel Kendrick will teach at Long Branch next fall and winter. — Myrtle Barnes will teach at Shady Dell.

D. A. R.'S INSTALL OFFICERS

The Mexico Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its regular monthly meeting at the Library Monday afternoon.

The newly elected officers took their places for the ensuing year, with the exception of Miss Carrie Sproul, who tendered her resignation as Treasurer. Mrs. John Gregory being appointed to take Miss Sproul's place in that capacity.

The names of Misses Willie Robnett and Osceola Clapper were presented for membership into the Chapter.

A Red Cross Tag Day was decided on to be undertaken by the Chapter in the near future, the proceeds of which are to be given to the American Red Cross Society.

A part of the time of this meeting was given over to services in memory of Mrs. Margaret O'Rear, who was a member of this Chapter from very young age. Tribute was paid to the memory of this devotedly honored and revered woman by Miss Houston, who spoke of her as a friend and neighbor; Mrs. E. A. Deering as a church woman, and Mrs. J. H. Lane as a W. C. T. U. member and worker.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. P. E. Coll, Mrs. Russell Emmons and Miss Dorothy Holmes.

New Suits Filed

The following suits have been filed with the Circuit Clerk for trial at the June term of the Andrain County Circuit Court. The suits of Daniel McCurdy vs. C. H. Early and of W. T. Hodge et al vs. the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company for damages were brought here on a change of venue from the Boone County Circuit Court. The cases of Louis Medalle et al vs. Firemen's Fund Insurance Company and against the Milwaukee Mechanics Insurance Company; the Velie Automobile Company et al vs. Liverpool & L. G. Insurance Co. and Henry Robert Peywald vs. Copr. of Royal Ex. Assurance, all suits on policies, were transferred on stipulation from the Montgomery County Circuit

Laddonia Gamblers Arrested

LADDONIA, Mo., May 7, 1917. — Our new city "dads" are doing their work slowly, but with a deft hand. They are good, clean men and can be depended upon to do what is right, without prejudice or favor to anyone. Sunday night Marshal Self swooped down upon a bunch who thought they were securely "hid" away and concluded to "roll the bones." But, lo! and behold, the eagle eye of the marshal was there and he had the bunch appear before Mayor Shields Monday and he assessed their fines at \$25 and costs each.

A Sure Grippe Cure

I had gripe, was nervous and shaky and had pains in breast and heart, back and shoulders; also lumbago pains, and was badly constipated. I used Tonic Bitters and am now all right.

(Signed) Eulalia Rollins. Tonic Bitters can be had at Santa Fe Drug Store, or in Mexico at Lowellyn & Sons. 123-21 11-21

Dr. R. B. Keeton Returns

Dr. R. B. Keeton, formerly of this city, has returned to Mexico and now has charge of Casey's Pharmacy. Dr. Keeton has many friends in Mexico who join the Ledger in welcoming him back.

Claude Bybee, W. W. Johnson, William Schutte and Grover Sims are home from Aberdeen, S. D., where they were witnesses in the Federal Court.

A. P. GREEN THANKS ORGANIZATION FOR RECENT ASSISTANCE

Was Greatly Pleased With Business Men, Scouts and Cadets Efforts for Labor for His Plant

Below we publish three letters, copies, which were sent by A. P. Green, of the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company to the Mexico Business Men, the Boy Scouts and the Missouri Military Academy thanking these organizations for their work to increase the labor at his plant here.

Letter to Business Men

Mr. C. P. Malone, President, Mexico Business Men's Association, Mexico, Missouri.

MEXICO, Mo., May 8, 1917. — Dear Mr. Malone: Personally and on behalf of our organization, I want to extend to you and through you to the Mexico Business Men's Association our grateful appreciation and thanks for the effort you have made this week to secure men for us. Please be assured that co-operation in such a quick hearty manner as followed our request to the Association is most gratifying and pleasing to us.

You doubtless realize that we are up against a very tough proposition in supplying an abundance of labor for Mexico, but we earnestly believe that with the united efforts of ourselves and the Business Men's Association that we will finally accomplish our object. We are going to reserve the privilege of asking the Association to help us at any time we may need their assistance, either for this or other purposes, and feel assured of their co-operation as has been evidenced by their prompt and hearty response.

On the other hand we are strong for anything that is for the ultimate good of Mexico and want you to feel free to call on us at any time we can help in that direction.

Again thanking you most cordially, we are, Yours truly, A. P. GREEN, President.

Letter to Colonel Burton

Col. E. Y. Burton, Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Missouri.

MEXICO, Mo., May 8, 1917. — My Dear Colonel: Personally and on behalf of our organization, I wish to extend to you and your helpers our most cordial thanks for the assistance rendered us in getting men for the plant. Especially do I want to thank the young soldier who acted as squad master in bringing the labor to the plant. Be assured that such hearty co-operation is very much appreciated by us. Yours truly, A. P. GREEN, President.

Letter to Scoutmaster

Mr. Robert Campbell, Mexico, Missouri.

MEXICO, Mo., May 8, 1917. — Dear Mr. Campbell: Personally and on behalf of our organization I want to extend to you and through you to the Boy Scouts our very sincere thanks for the assistance the boys rendered us in securing men for our plant. I am enclosing a more substantial form of appreciation in the shape of a check for \$10.00 which you may possibly be able to use toward the expenses of the Boy Scouts.

Please be assured that the hearty co-operation of the little fellows is greatly appreciated by us all. Yours truly, A. P. GREEN, President.

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K. P.'S TO COLUMBIA

Mexico Pythians Attend District Meeting Wednesday

A delegation of Mexico Knights of Pythias went to Columbia Wednesday to attend the district meeting in that city. T. L. Marshall and Ben Hankell, both of this city, are officers in the district organization.

The delegates from here who attended, besides the two gentlemen mentioned above, were Walter Sanbeck, C. F. Kehl, E. L. Johnson and J. E. Blum.

ARREST IN MILLER KILLING

George Channing, Brother-in-Law of Willis Miller Held as Suspect

George Channing, a brother of Mrs. Willis Miller, of Nederland, Colo., was under arrest as a suspect for the killing of Mr. Miller in that city Friday, May 4. The funeral of Mr. Miller was held from the home of his parents in this city Wednesday afternoon.

Gus E. Payne was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of speeding, and John Creigh and Joe Sumner were each fined \$5 and costs in the Police Court Tuesday on a charge of running their motor cars with the muffler open. All three pleaded guilty to the charges.

Section Foreman Injured

Frank Farren, a section foreman working out of this city, had his right foot mashed Tuesday afternoon when a rail fell upon it. While very painful, the injury is not considered serious.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our kind friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. T. Montgomery, and for the many beautiful floral offerings. The Children.

107, Dies in Higginsville

HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., May 7. — Luke O'Rourke, 107 years old, said to be the oldest man in Missouri, died at the Confederate Home yesterday.

Medical Society Meets

The Linton District Medical Society held a meeting at the Ringo Hotel at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

What Is Disease?

Disease is a lack of or excess of function in any part of the body. All function is controlled by mental impulses from the brain. Therefore, the cause of disease must be an interference with the line of communication between the brain and the diseased part. It necessarily follows that the only permanent way to do away with the disease is to adjust the cause and thus restore free communication. Chiropractors do this by adjusting the dislocations that cause the obstruction.

What Is Health?

Health is a state of harmony in the body, no discord anywhere. It is a condition in which Innate Intelligence has unobstructed communication with all parts of the body. The human body consists of a great number of different parts and each part has its own special several systems. What is mislabeled disease can only exist when communication is interfered with between Innate Intelligence and diseased part. First, the pressure which hinders communication, then the disease. First, the cause, then the effect.

C. F. MORHAUS, D. C.

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OFFICE OVER SAVINGS BANK MEXICO, MISSOURI

EDISON WORKING ON FOE FOR SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, May 4. — With respect to the statement made in London by Lord Berford that a brilliant plan had been devised to overcome the increasing havoc of the German submarines it is generally assumed in naval circles that the British admiralty expert referred to a device which has as its object detecting the presence of submarines.

This device, which has already been referred to by Admiral De Chair, who is here with the British commission, is understood to have given very satisfactory results in restricted harbor waters. It is assumed that it has now been made workable on a comprehensive and unlimited scale. French scientific experts and Thomas A. Edison and a score or more of the best navy experts have been devoting their time exclusively to perfecting the plan. Mr. Edison is collaborating with the experts of the British admiralty.

Admiral De Chair's reference to the plan was general and gave no details. American naval experts who have heard of various phases of the plan understand that it is based on a scheme which registers on a meter on shore the passage of a U-boat or other steel mass through mapped out areas on the water.

German U-boats, despite their ever increasing number and their daring, have never been able to sink a single transport carrying the daily supply of troops and supplies from Great Britain to France. The transportation facilities between Great Britain and France, so far as military operations are concerned, are free from the German submarine menace and have been for nearly two years. The reason, it is explained, is because an effective plan has been in operation to bar out the U-boats. That plan involves one of the most gigantic engineering undertakings of the kind ever accomplished is evident, but the detailed plan has remained one of the best guarded secrets of the war.

Naval officers here believe it possible that the submarine may eventually be as effectively eliminated from the war zone as steamship lanes as has been from the lanes of the channel transport service. But whether or not this plan can be made effective in time to check the havoc which Germany hopes to create by reducing Great Britain and France to starvation is another matter, it is stated.

FILED THE EMPTY SADDLE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 8. — A strangely moving scene occurred at Martindale, Sydney, when Mr. Hughes, the prime minister, was dressing some twenty thousand people and appealing for recruits.

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